Rocks

Rocks, Sept. 4.- Farmers were busy cutting hay and tobacco last week.

Friends are sorry to hear that Mrs. Loyd Ranson is a patient at Virginia Baptist Hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ranson and children have returned to their home in Bristol, Tenn.

Walter Ranson returned home from Waynesboro Tuesday.

Cassie Baldwin spent a few days in Richmond last week.

Lewis Dickerson took Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wilson to a church meeting in Farmville last Friday.

Harry Eugene Ranson celebrated his birthday last week.

Prayer meeting was held Wednesday night. Mrs. D. R. Inge had charge of it. The hour for meeting is 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Claiborne Inge went to Williamsburg to see "The Common Glory" Saturday night.

Friends are glad to know Mrs. Walter Ranson returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Dickerson, of Lynchburg spent Sunday in the home of Mrs. W. F. Ranson.

Quite a few attended the baptizing Sunday afternoon on Cub Creek.

Colored Dots

Impressive services were held at Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday at the morning and evening services. The pastor preached at the morning service, from the text, If He see our us who can be against us. The offering was lifted by deacons Jonah Stewart and Henry Nowlin. The afternoon program was enjoyed by all who attended.

Baptizing services will be held at the First Baptist Church this Sunday. The pastor will conduct the service immediately at the close of the morning service.

Deacon John Bolden of Promise Land Baptist Church passed at his home last Saturday. Funeral services were held at the church Wednesday. The pastor, Rev. Lawing officiated. Rev. J. A. Carter assisted in the services.

Mrs. Celestine Beasley has returned home after spending the summer at Loaki University in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hamlet are spending some time in Baltimore.

Leon Lawing has returned home from Salisbury Md., where he worked this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonah Stewart and daughter, of Roanoke spent Sunday here as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Betty Flood and family.

Miss Bernice Lewis has returned home from Washington where she spent the summer.

Miss LeVaughan Haskin returned to her position in the Richmond public school system Monday.

Mrs. Theda Harris was the Labor Day guest of Mrs. R. Q. Lawing.

Appomattox county teachers will hold their annual meeting Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

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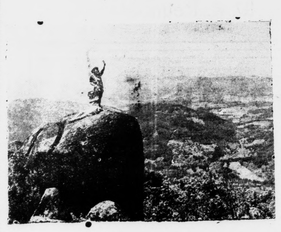

All the State Parks in Virginia open for the season in the late Spring and close in the late Fall. There are 155 housekeeping cabins through-out the system. These cabins are completely equipped and accomodate from 2 to 6 persons. Vacationists find many forms of amusement such as fishing, horseback riding, swimming, sailing, and others. The Parks are the Douthat, the Fairy Stone, the Hungry Mother, the Pocahontus, the Seashore, the Staunton River, the Westmoreland, Clayton Lake, and Prince Edward State Parks.

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Protective Painting Drives That Ogre, Rust, Far Away

Rust is a sort of ogre that devours both iron and steel. When we were very young, we shuddered over tales of fabled ogres that devoured human beings. Now that we are grown, we're often bedeviled by real ogres that devour the metal in important structures—yet we seldom turn a hair. Strangely enough, we often neglect to take the simplest measures that would eliminate the danger and save us, as a nation, millions of dollars in property loss.

Sometimes the metal surface that rust attacks is huge—like the hull of a ship. More often it's small as a roof gutter, a fence, lawn furniture or a garden tool. No matter what its size, the way to protect it against destruction is the same. The surface must be completely covered with a protective shield of paint that keeps out moisture. If that protective shield cracks off or wears thin—if rust gains a foothold at any point, every speck of it must be completely removed before a new coating is applied. Otherwise, it will continue its dirty work—just as overlooked decay will continue in a filled tooth.

As in any painting job, proper and complete pre-painting preparation is of tremendous importance. In preparing ornamental iron work, iron gutters, fences, steel sashes and similar surfaces, begin by washing away any grease that is present with a paint thinner. Next, remove all dirt, loose paint and loose rust. For this essential step, use a wire brush, a scraper, emery cloth or sandpaper. After removing every sign of rust, touch up these vulnerable spots with a regular metal primer, such as red lead, zinc yellow or zinc dust.

In the presence of severe moisture conditions, two coats of primer and two coats of finish are advisable. Each coat should be of a distinctly different color to insure complete coverage during the application of each coat. Following this practice will also promote rust prevention in the future by revealing any abrasions or weathering before the deterioration reaches the first primer coat. When two coats of primer are used, you can color the second one with a touch of lampblack.

Allergy Strong Factor

Research is disclosing that allergy is a factor in many infectious diseases and in other disease states. This statement is made by Dr. Samuel M. Feinberg, chief of the Division of Allergy at Northwestern University's Medical School, in a new book, **Allergy: Facts and Fancies.** According to Dr. Feinberg, associate professor of medicine at Northwestern, ten million or more persons in this country suffer from some form of allergic reaction. Of these, there are probably 5 to 7 million hay fever sufferers and 1 to 2 million persons who have asthma. While research is contributing much to the knowledge of allergy, Dr. Feinberg reports that "the greatest immediate benefit to the allergic millions would be the common sense utilization of the present and available methods of diagnosis and treatment." He points out that only about 10 per cent of the allergy sufferers have taken advantage of such therapy.

Lack of Sleep

Because of insomnia, the United States was able to acquire the Louisiana Purchase. Napoleon, at the time the French held the territory, sent 30,000 troops over to protect it. However, the canny Toussaint L'Ouverture and his small band made surprise attacks on the French at nights and Napoleon's army went sleepless. Out of the original 30,000, only 5,000 lived to see their native France again. Napoleon believed then that it was futile to waste so many men and consequently sold the territory so cheaply to the United States.

Never underestimate the value of sleep or the advisability of a good bed to sleep on!

New Drug Gives Additional Hope To Heart Victims

A significant new drug is now at work combating the nation's number one killer—heart disease.

The drug, which safely increases the pumping efficiency of the heart over long periods, was introduced to medical men by Dr. Frederick Steigmann, director of the department of therapeutics of Cook County hospital, Chicago, and professor of medicine of the University of Illinois College of Medicine.

The new product, named Myocardone, a derivative of animal heart muscle, is produced by Chemico Laboratories, Inc., Indianapolis pharmaceutical products manufacturers. It was the subject of a paper delivered by Dr. Steigmann at the 35th annual meeting of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology held at the Public Auditorium, Cleveland.

Definite Improvement

Over a period of a year, Dr. Steigmann found the effectiveness of Mycardone tablets in 58 patients who were victims of severe and prolonged cardiac conditions. He reported that in most of the cases, "when Mycardone was administered there was definite subjective and clinical improvement," and added that, "It has definite therapeutic value in various cardiac conditions."

The long-recognized medical fact that the heart is the one organ which can be removed from the body and, when kept in proper circulating solution, can continue spontaneous function, formed the basis for research into Mycardone by the late Dr. Vincent A. Lapenta, Indianapolis surgeon and research chemist.

Pumping Power

Dr. Lapenta, who had made numerous contributions to medical and surgical research, including the development of an effective blood coagulant still widely used, sought a substance within the walls of calves' hearts that would help increase the pumping power of the human heart. With his son, B. E. Lapenta, founder of Chemico Laboratories, he developed the highly purified and concentrated Myocardone used in Dr. Steigmanns tests.

At Cook County hospital, the 58 patients studied included 19 who suffered from painful angina pectoris, a disease caused by spasm of the coronary arteries. In addition, 24 patients with cardiac decompensation showed such common symptoms as dyspnea (shortness of breath), dependent edema (swelling of ankles), orthopnea (inability to sleep in prone position), and lung congestion. Ten patients complained of dizziness, headaches, and other symptoms due to high blood pressure, and five were being treated for arteriosclerotic heart ailments caused by hardening of the arteries.

Most of the patients had formerly received other medications, such as digitalis and nitroglycerin. They were placed on Myocardone therapy exclusively in the County hospital clinic.

Factors used as standards to indicate improvement following use of Mycardone included decreased number and severity of attacks, increased capacity for exercise, and general feeling of well-being.

The study thus far has shown that the beneficial response to Myccardone continued for considerable periods after the medication was discontinued.

Myocardone is currently being made available to the medical profession and plans are completed for large-scale production.

Marine Accidentally Gets Assigned to Old Outfit

WITH THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION IN KOREA—Add to the list of remarkable coincidences the case of Private First class Merlin R. Clark of the Marine Corps and Whitewater, Wis.

As a former member of one of the Marine Corps Organized Reserve units in the States, he arrived in Korea shortly before the epic Chosin reservoir breakout in North Korea. He was assigned to a machine gun section as a replacement.

Without intent on his part or anyone else's he ended up in the same section, same machine platoon, same infantry company, same battalion, same regiment in which he was serving seven years ago in the First Marine Division during World War II.

Some Ice Boxes Are Hot, Two Lads Soon Discover

DES MOINES, Iowa—Two youngsters learned here recently that ice boxes are not always cold. Tommy Wyman, 3, and Herbie Camp, 5, saw an old icebox lying on its back in a rear yard where they were playing hide and seek.

The two boys climbed in and shut the door to make their concealment complete.

Half an hour later Tommy's mother began searching for the boys when she became worried over their prolonged absence. Hearing muffled screams from the old ice box, she opened the door to find the boys limp.

"Sure got hot in there," Herbie commented.

Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, Sept. 4.- Mr and Mrs. George Lloyd are visiting Mrs. Lawrence Hitcher. Mrs. Lloyd hopes to see man, of her friends while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scruggs Mrs. Marvin Reynolds and John Scruggs visited Mrs. John Scruggs Sunday at the Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Guill and children, Volney Garrett and Tom Morris were week-end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrett.

Supper guests Saturday night of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Scruggs were Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Gills and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hatcher, Mr. and Mrs. David Garrett, Volney Garrett and L. C. Hatcher.

The Home Demonstration Club family picnic was held Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gunter.

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...Today the wages offered for ...sheepherding are the highest in the ...ccupation's long and colorful history—about $250 monthly and found (food and sleeping equipment). Yet ...he shortage of competent herders ...n the U.S. is so acute that late reports blame it for an "alarming" ...ecrease in the nation's wool production. In an attempt to remedy ...his deficiency, efforts are being ...made to bring to this country groups ...of the finest sheepherders in the ...world, the Basques of northern ...Spain. They are reputed to have not ...only the necessary experience but ...even more important—the indispensable temperament for the job.

All Jump

Such temperament appears to be ...keen to most Americans, whose disenchantment with sheep tending has ...fattered the canard that herders ...are either eccentric already or likely to become so. Actually the opposite is nearer the truth since reckless carefulness and understanding of ...the erratic feminine behavior in the sheep family are necessary to ...match and master flighty woolies. (Most males are slaughtered for meat while lambs.)

...The first concern of a good herder is to keep his flock together, for "a ...sheep alone is a sick sheep." Essentially timid animals and easily frightened, sheep follow the dictates ...of the herd instinct, with few exceptions. They hate to go over the ...brow of a hill because of what might ...be on the other side, yet they will ...blindly follow a leader.

Little Lost Lambs

The herder's problems are multiplied during lambing time. A new-born lamb a few feet away from its mother is lost. The mother can only locate her stray lamb by its smell, which would mean sniffing through the entire herd. Most ewes are conscientious mothers but some take maternal duties with exasperating indifference.

...One remedy is to imprison the ...ewe with her lamb, holding the mother still while the baby feeds, ...until she accepts responsibility. If ...the ewe refuses, she is marked for ...fattening and her lamb must be cared ...for in other ways. Clothed in the ...skin of a dead lamb, the unwanted "...lam" may be adopted by the ...dead lamb's mother. Otherwise the ...orphan" must be bottle-fed by the herder.

After lambing season, from March through May, the herder looks forward to shearing in June. The heavy wool is another hazard in the sheep's life. An animal caught on ...a bush and weighed down by wool may die within the hour if the shepherd does not help it to its feet.

...One experienced herder voiced the despairing opinion of his charges: "A sheep is the one animal that's born with an ambition to die as soon as possible."

...Red aircraft strafe and bomb UN troops.

...Six flee jail in Staunton.

Angler Who Fished Banks Soon Is Netted by FBI

NEW YORK, N.Y.—The FBI recently announced the capture of a unique angler who fished not for fishes, but for greenbacks behind teller's windows in banks.

The "fisherman", Peter Hanson, 51, was captured with one of his favorite rods—a paper-covered ruler-with a wad of chewing gum on one end.

Agent Edward Scheidt said the angler "poached" on a bank in Kansas City and one in Weehawken, N.J., by fishing through the teller's window. Fingerprints on a rod he left behind in the Kansas City bank led to his capture.

Asiatic Religious Belief Fostered 'White Elephant'

An ancient Asiatic religious belief, a financially embarrassed king, and an animal's liquor bill, were responsible for bringing to our civilization the term "white elephant" which has come to mean any regrettable and unprofitable possession.

Research experts with the World Book Encyclopedia, examining the customs of mankind, have discovered that in Siam a white elephant was considered to possess the soul of a dead god. Therefore when a white elephant was captured, it immediately became the sacred property of the king—and was baptized worshipped, and finally buried and mourned like a human being. One King of Siam gave the white elephant saying its probable start when he initiated the custom of giving the elephant to any member of his court who has displeased him. The elephant-god could do no work, could not be ridden, and the huge cost of his upkeep soon meant financial ruin to his new owner.

A British King, Charles the First in 1629, had the misfortune to receive a white elephant as a gift from Siam. Unfortunately, Charles was financially embarrassed, due to an un-cooperative Parliament, and even considered selling the crown jewels to raise funds. The cost of keeping the elephant was so high that the King and Queen had to give up their customary vacation at Bath. The record regarding the elephant's maintenance makes note of the fact that "from the month of September until April, he must drink, not water but Wyne, and from April unto September he must have a gallon of Wyne a day."

It is believed that this old occurrence firmly implanted the saying "white elephant" in the English language.

Manhole Cover Blows Top; Man Flies Through Air

JANESVILLE, Wis. — There are many stories about people who fell through manhole covers, but Towald Toviand, 79, of this city, is perhaps the first to have one explode beneath his feet.

Hovland had the misfortune to be standing on a downtown manhole cover when a sewer blew its top. He was tossed into the air and came to rest about four feet away. For no explained reason the cover had suddenly lifted into the air in an unexplained explosion followed by a burst of flame. Hovland and eight others waiting for a bus on the street corner were taken to a doctor's office and treated for minor burns.

Power and light officials said that the blast somehow resulted from a broken gas main or from sewer gas.

Arab League back a tighter blocade of Israel.

Violent cyclone strikes island of Martinique.

Hixburg

Hixburg, Sept. 4.- Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gilliam, of Statesville, N. C., have been recent visitors in the neighborhood.

Miss Carrie Hix spent several days in Richmond the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ural Carson and children, of Newport News spent the past week-end with his father, E. H. Carson. David Schutt was also a visitor in this home.

Miss Jessie Carson has begun her work at Buckingham Central High School. She has just returned from a vacation with her brother and family, Rev. R. D. Carson, of Raleigh, N. C.

Dr. Twyman Williams preached a fine sermon at the Hixburg Presbyterian Church Sunday morning.

Miss Mildred Wilson and Mrs. Hayden, of Evington are spending some time with their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wilson.

Mrs. Douglas McClure, of Glasgow spent a week in the same home.

Mrs. Donnavant (Sallie Brown), of Detroit has returned to her home after visiting friends and relatives in the neighborhood.

Mrs. C. B. Carson and children spent Sunday at "Walnut Shade."

Slavs Heckle Soviet Radio From Old German Army Truck

MUNICH, Germany—Three sharp-tongued Slavs, operating from an old German army truck, are heckling Soviet broadcasters to the point of madness. The trio specializes in needling Communism from their mobile transmitter in west Germany over Radio Free Russia facilities.

The hecklers are artists at making use of the pause in a program and delight in cutting in on Radio Volga, a Communist station in east Berlin which beams programs to Soviet occupation troops.

A Radio Volga announcer may have just finished the phrase, "A new people's democracy is being built in east Germany," when Radio Free Russia hecklers break in with, "under the watchful eyes of the Kremlin's secret police."

Radio Free Russia has been operating only four months. London monitors first picked up its broadcasts calling for a peoples' revolt in Russia.

DEAD DEER FOUND; CAUSE UNDERTERMINED

According to I. T. Quinn, executive director of the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries, a cry of alarm came from Bath County in the form of a phone call from Ray Jenkins, Commission game warden for that county, to the effect that ten dead deer have been picked up in the last week in the vicinity of Douthat State Park which had died from unknown causes.

Mr. Quinn put through a fast call to Dr. Henry S. Mosby, leader of the Virginia Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit at Blacksburg, informing him of the mysterious deaths. A live adult deer, which was unable to walk and near death, was taken to the V.P.I. research laboratory for observation.

Efforts are being made by the Commission to determine the cause of the malady.

U. S. moves to bring an end to copper mine strikes.

President Truman addresses the opening session of the Jap Peace Treaty conference.

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